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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE
UNITED STATES, INCLUDING ALASKA,
HAWAII, GUAM AND PUERTO RICO

Dear Brothers:

Recently federal legislation was enacted wherein financial institutions were asked to obtain from all their customers that have interest-bearing accounts their Federal Identification Number.

A number of congregations do have checking accounts and also saving accounts that bear interest. You were required by law to submit your Federal Identification Number to your banking institution by January 30, 1984.

Instructions were sent to all congregations in a letter to the Body of Elders dated April 12, 1978, wherein the Society gave instructions to obtain a Federal Identification Number. At that time we told the congregations that the banking institutions will be requiring a Federal Identification Number from them. Also, in the July, 1980, Our Kingdom Service, in the Announcements, item number three, we provided information regarding the obtaining of a Federal Identification Number.

It would be appreciated if all congregations at this time check to see if they have a Federal Identification Number and also that this number is on record with their local banking institution. This is required in cases where your account is receiving or not receiving interest. Also, after you have done so, please notify the Society in the enclosed envelope regarding your Federal Identification Number. If the congregation does not have a number, please at once obtain an SS-4 Form from the Internal Revenue Service, fill it out according to the facts and mail it to the Internal Revenue Service Center for your area. As soon as the number is sent to you by the IRS, please give it to your banking institution and also forward the number to the Society for its records.

We are requesting that you return the above information to us by April 1, 1984.

Be assured of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers and fellow servants,

Manhattan B. V. S. Society
OF NEW YORK, INC.

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P.S. Please return the requested information in the enclosed envelope.